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Subject	Rule Reference
Lamp Protection	1998 Minimum Design Standards for Health Care Facilities in Michigan, Section 7.32.D10, Nursing Home Rule 1306(1), Home for Aged Rule 74(1)
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Light fixtures shall be equipped with lenses or shields for protection of the lamps or with lamps that will not shatter. And a building shall be of safe construction and shall be free from hazards to patients, personnel, and visitors.

This has been interpreted to mean that all light fixtures in a health care facility are to be equipped with lenses or protective shields. Protective shields are to be designed to contain glass fragments in the event of accidental breakage. Shatter resistant lamps that are specially coated meet this requirement. Exceptions to the rule are allowed for carpeted public areas such as lobbies, offices, gift shops and other similar areas.